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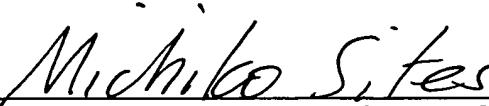
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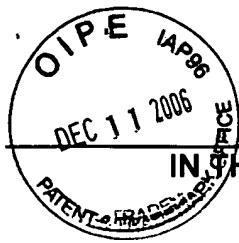
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Dear Sir:

Applicants note the Examiner's reasons for allowance. No inference or conclusion should be drawn that Applicants believe that the Examiner's reasons for allowance are the *only* reasons the claims are patentable. Indeed, the Examiner's statements appear to focus on certain features contained in certain of the independent claims and not disclosed in the prior art, including the art discussed in the Statement. However, no mention is made with respect to other inventive aspects of the independent claims. Moreover, no mention is made with respect to any of dependent claims, which include other and/or additional inventive and patentable aspects. Thus, Applicants interpret the Examiner's statement to be in no way exhaustive -- whether relative to the independent claims or the dependent claims.

Applicants further note the Examiner's discussion of Krauth, Polak, Dickinson, Buschmann, Walt and Chee. (See, Notice of Allowability, pages 2 and 3). No inference or conclusion should be drawn that Applicants agree with the Examiner's characterization of such art. In an effort to provide a more concise response, and because the Examiner has not rejected any of the claims based on such art, Applicants do not provide comments on the Examiner's characterization. Further, no inference or conclusion should be drawn that Applicants believe that the shortcomings identified by the Examiner are the *only* shortcomings of such art that are pertinent to the claimed inventions.

Finally, although Applicants agree with the Examiner's ultimate conclusion that the inventions (as claimed herein) are patentable over the prior art, there are many inventions described and illustrated in the above-referenced application. Indeed, other inventions described and illustrated in the application may or may not include one, some or all of the features the Examiner indicates are not disclosed in the prior art.

Respectfully submitted,



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